

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A filter catalyst comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a catalyst-support substrate composed of a heat-resistant porous structure having chained pores; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ a catalytic layer for burning particulates and formed on a surface of said catalyst-support ~~substrate; substrate,~~  
wherein said filter catalyst ~~being characterized in that it has~~ pores of 1-20  $\mu\text{m}$  in a porosity of 11% or more.
2. (Currently Amended) The filter catalyst as set forth in claim 1, wherein said catalytic layer has a loading layer formed by preparing a slurry of a heat-resistant oxide powder, coating said slurry onto said catalyst-support substrate, and drying and calcining said slurry; and the heat-resistant oxide powder whose particle diameters are 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less is contained by 70% by weight or more when the entire amount of the powder dispersed in said slurry is taken as 100% by weight.
3. (Currently Amended) The filter catalyst as set forth in claim 1, wherein said heat-resistant oxide powder dispersed in ~~said slurry~~ a slurry is such that a 70% particle-diameter value (D70) of a particle-diameter cumulative distribution is 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.